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APPROVAL, HOWEVER. HE HAS RECEIVED PERSONAL ASSURANCES FROM THOMSON'S TOP MANAGEMENT AND FROM PHILIPPE GISCARD D'ESTAING, THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER AND VICE PRESIDENT-MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LMT (THE THOMSON GROUP) THAT NO HIGHLY SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY IS INCLUDED, AND THAT NO US TECHNOLOGY IS EITHER. FOLLIN WAS ASSURED THAT NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE SWITCHING SYSTEMS' COMPONENTS CAN BE MANUFACTURED IN THE USSR. ASKED WHETHER THIS WAS BASED ON EXISTING CAPABILITIES OR ON KNOW-HOW THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE FRENCH, FOLLIN SAID THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THE FORMER BUT WOULD CHECK. HE SAID THAT ALL MICROCIRCUITS EXPORTED TO THE USSR WILL BE PART OF SUBASSEMBLIES AND NOT INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS. THOMSON EXECUTIVES ASSURE FOLLIN THAT SUCH SUBASSEMBLY CONFIGURATIONS WILL PREVENT DIVERSION OF MICROCIRCUITS TO STRATEGIC USES.

C) ATOMIC ENERGY LIST REVIEW: THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT PLANS INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN VERY NEAR FUTURE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES REGARDING THE US PROPOSALS FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY LIST REVIEW. FOLLIN ASSURED US THAT FRANCE WILL TABLE ITS RESPONSE DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL IN TIME FOR THE APRIL 17 RESUMPTION OF COMCOM DISCUSSIONS. EMBOFFS EMPHASIZED NEED OF CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

D) SALE OF FRAMATOME REACTOR TO PRC: ALTHOUGH FOLLIN POINTED OUT THAT MATTERS AS IMPORTANT AS FRAMATOME ARE IN FACT DECIDED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL OR HIGHER, FRANCE WILL NEVERTHELESS SUBMIT FRAMATOME TO COMCOM FOR CONSIDERATION. FOLLIN STRESSED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ONLY DECIDED TO DO SO OUT OF DEFERENCE TO THE US AND HE WORRIED THAT SUBMISSION TO COMCOM MAY DELAY IMPLEMENTATION, EVEN THOUGH THE FINAL DECISION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN. EMBOFFS RECALLED REASONS WHY US BELIEVED EXPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO COMCOM OUT-

LINED REFTEL (D).

E) REPORTED FRENCH EXPORT OF RIBER SEMI-CONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT: FOLLIN ASKED THAT THIS
QUESTION TO THE FRENCH BE RAISED WITH COMCOM DELEGATE
(WHO IS HOSPITALIZED BUT WHO SHOULD RECUPERATE IN TIME
FOR APRIL RESUMPTION OF COMCOM TALKS.)

3. COMMENT: SINCE HE WAS IN HIS WORDS QUOTE AMONG
FRIENDS UNQUOTE, FOLLIN SPOKE WITH GREAT CANDOR ON THE
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ISSUE. ALTHOUGH HE STATED THAT
THESE WERE HIS "PERSONAL" VIEWS, AND SAID THAT HIS
SUPERIORS MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY AGREE, FOLLIN WAS
CONFIDENT OF HIS GROUND. ON THIS AND ON THE OTHER
ISSUES DISCUSSED, HE HAD CLEARLY DONE HIS HOMEWORK AND
SEEMED TO BE EXPRESSING A FRENCH GOVERNMENT POSITION.
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